MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It has been received and it was after that that the estimate was sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): After getting the report are the Government convinced that the work should be executed ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, that is the reason why the estimate has been sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why the amount necessary has not been included in this year's Budget ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The lands necessary have not been acquired. The whole place is under water. The lands have to be surveyed and acquired. This can be done only by next Kumbham. Only after the declarations have come in and the lands are acquired can the work be taken in hand.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): But if the amount was sanctioned in the last year's Budget does not the Government know that it could have been utilised this year ?

PRESIDENT: Let me inform the member that provision in the Budget does not mean sanction. It is merely a provision by forecast. Sanction comes in at a subsequent stage.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do the Government know that as regards the Irrigation works they have clearly expressed that as soon as the sanction is given they will try to begin the work ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, we are now doing it already. The declaration is being prepared, and after that the lands have to be surveyed. That work has already been started.

Vacancies in the posts of Head Masters and First Grade Teachers in English Schools.

63. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of permanent vacancies in the posts of Headmasters of English High Schools and the dates on which such posts fell vacant; and

(*b*) (i) the number of permanent vacancies in the posts of First Grade teachers of English High Schools and (ii) the date of the earliest vacancy that has yet to be filled ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the answer given to parts (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 71, asked by Mr. A. Thanu Pillai at the meeting of the Council held on the 10th August, 1928.

(*b*) (i) 25.

(ii) 25th Makaram 1099.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : As regards the answer to part (*b*) sub-section (ii), may I know why the post which fell vacant on the 25th Makaram 1099 has not yet been filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a great deal of confusion in the grading of the 1st grade teachers. The Government took the question of regrading first. The seniority of the teachers was in question and that matter was settled some time in 1927.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the seniority fixed according to the dates on which they are appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a general question of principle. The question of seniority was settled by Government and we are not discussing here the principle of seniority.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*) : I want the information as to how the question of seniority was settled.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not arise. That is a different question. In part (*b*) the member is asking for the number of vacancies and the date of the earliest vacancy.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Yes. May I know when the principle of gradation was accepted by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have laid down certain principles already. They had only to examine the rank of these officers and they decided the question of the rank some time in 1927.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know why the vacancy was not filled after that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question has to be taken up as a whole. The present Director of Public Instruction is looking into that matter.

Statement of applicants for Government lands.

64. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the persons who have applied for the registry of more than 50 acres of *puduval* or *poramboke* lands during the last five years (1099-1103) in the Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks and of those in whose names such lands have been registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the particulars as the time and labour involved in doing so will be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

Varapetti-Pottanikad Road.

65. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they will consider

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